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Mr. Carl E. Duckett
P. O. Box 1925
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Dear Mr. ^{Carl}Duckett:

I am a member of the Board of Directors of Stauffer Publications, a news-paper/broadcasting operation described briefly in the annual report I am enclosing. Stauffer Publications is neither ultra-conservative nor liberal, blindly pro- or anti-administration, as publishers go. Its board is probably representative of many mid-western professional newspapermen. (Incidentally, Susan Ford worked on our Topeka paper last summer.)

At our last Board of Directors meeting, we had a substantial discussion on the state of the world and apparent trends. Strong opinion was expressed that the news media view represented by the Washington and New York area papers was not in keeping with the opinion of publishers and readers in many other parts of the country. An example they cited was the damage being done to national security by the "sensationalism" of the eastern press. I was interested to find out that one of the Directors, Thad Sandstrom, is also Chairman of the CBS Radio Affiliates Association and the person who took some initiative with regard to Daniel Schorr. Subsequently, Thad sent me a copy of his telex, which I thought might interest you and is attached.

I think it is noteworthy that this kind of group is now actively expressing its views. By contrast, 6 months ago, they probably held somewhat the same opinion but were passive and its readership was disinterested and bored by the whole matter.

Regards,

Sincerely,

Bob

J. Robert Porter, Jr.

Enclosures